

**AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing****FY2002 Request: \$1,500,000****Reference No: 6360****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Health and Safety**Category:** Housing/Social Services**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Les Campbell**Election District:** Statewide**Contact Phone:** (907)330-8356**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

Corporate (AHFC) funds for Alaskan non-profit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental HealthTrust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout Alaska. These funds will continue a demonstration project to divert individuals from institutions into community-based assisted living.

**Funding:**

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
AHFC Div	\$1,500,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$12,900,000
Total:	\$1,500,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$12,900,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

FY2001 - \$1,500,000; FY2000 - \$1,700,000; Prior to FY2000 this program was part of DHSS's Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing Program: FY1999 - \$1,200,000; FY1998 - \$1,200,000; FY1997 - \$1,500,000; FY1996 - \$1,200,000.

The purpose of this program is to provide funds for Alaskan non-profit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout Alaska.

The projected outcomes are:

- Congregate housing for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities
- Supportive housing, including assisted living, for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, or multiple disorders
- Transitional housing with support services for newly recovering alcoholics and addicts

The program provides funds to Alaskan non-profit service providers and housing developers to increase housing opportunities to Alaska Mental HealthTrust beneficiaries and other special needs populations throughout Alaska. In FY01, as in FY00, these funds will continue a demonstration project to divert individuals from institutions into community-based assisted living.

The demand for special needs housing remains critical. The downsizing of and the over-use of institutions requires an immediate solution in finding appropriate housing with supports for individuals with substantial impairments. Additionally, federal funding for housing remains flat for Alaska. When Congress enacts new housing legislation, Alaska's funding may substantially decline due to formula funding based upon population.

To optimize leveraging of these funds with other federal grant and tax credit programs and to expedite the release of funding to non-profit housing developers, AHFC will administer these housing development funds. This will also administratively streamline housing development projects which also intend to borrow money from AHFC. Typically, most special needs housing in Alaska is financed by AHFC.

The use of funds will remain a collaborative process among the Trust, AHFC, DHSS, DOC, and the four boards.